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22. A method according to claim 13 wherein starch metabolism is modulated by modulating expression of the gene encoding α -amylase.--

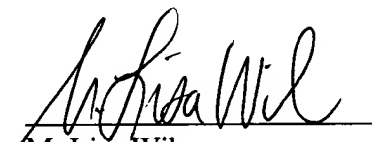
REMARKS

Applicants submit the above amendments to correct improper multiple dependencies contained in the claims as presented in the published PCT application which is being filed herewith as the specification of this application. No new matter has been added to the claimed subject matter.

The pending claims of this patent application are Claims 1-22. Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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